

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application: **Becker et al.**

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For: **Method and Apparatus for  
Automatically Conducting Hardware  
Inventories of Computers in a Network**

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION NOT RECEIVED**

I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case, on the basis that the Office Action forming the basis of the abandonment was not received. I hereby state: (a) the Office Action indicated on the Notice of Abandonment, as mailed on February 7, 2008, was not received; and (b) a search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received.

I attach a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action, I also attach a statement from the legal assistant, Monica Gamez, who would have docketed the Office Action had it been received.

In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, the Office Action as mailed on July 27, 2007, according to the USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval system, be re-dated and mailed so that our office can respond in a timely manner.

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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